

TWENTIETH DAY

(Continued)

(Thursday, February 17, 1955)

After Recess

The Senate met at 11:00 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Weinert was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Lock.

Senator Secrest was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Lock.

Senate Bills and Resolution on First Reading

By unanimous consent, the following Senate Bills and Resolution were introduced, read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

By Senator Roberts:

S. B. No. 214, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6079b of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as added by Chapter 365, Acts of the 49th Legislature, limiting expenditures for maintenance and operation of county-owned parks in certain counties; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Roberts:

S. B. No. 215, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the use of nets, seines, snag lines, traps and other devices in the fresh waters of Rockwall County, Texas; providing for prima-facie evidence; prescribing the penalty for violation; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator McDonald:

S. B. No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 16, Acts of the 39th Legislature, First Called Session, 1926, as amended, so as to enlarge the purposes for which a surplus in the sinking fund for county road bonds may be used; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Lock:

S. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for authorization for the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools to discharge any nonresident patient or student; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Lock:

S. B. No. 218, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for initial admissions to State Mental Hospitals; providing that findings of hospital staff be admitted in evidence; providing that notification as to findings be given county court; providing for partial invalidity; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Lock:

S. B. No. 219, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the furnishing, use, and disposition of equipment, materials, and merchandise for use in occupational therapy programs; providing for the sale of goods so produced; providing for disposition of funds realized from such sales; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Lock:

S. B. No. 220, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of persons released from State Mental Hospitals to the committing county; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Bracewell:

S. B. No. 221, A bill to be entitled "An Act concerning mentally retarded persons and their diagnosis, admission, special training, education, supervision, treatment and maintenance under State auspices; giving certain duties and powers to the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools and the State Department of Public Welfare; repealing Articles 3233, 3234, 3235, 3236, 3237, 3238, 3867, 3868, 3869, 3870, 3871 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Roberts:

S. B. No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the use of nets, seines, snag lines, traps and other devices in the fresh waters of Collin

County, Texas; providing for prima-facie evidence; prescribing the penalty for violation; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator Lock:

S. J. R. No. 6, Proposing an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto another Section following Section 15, providing that the Legislature may provide for commitment in lunacy cases without a jury; further providing for the submission of this amendment to the voters of this State; prescribing the form of ballot; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof.

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Presentation of Guests

Senator Rogers of Travis by unanimous consent presented students of the Fifth Grade of Wooldridge School of Austin and their teacher, Mrs. Cullers, to the Members of the Senate.

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 26, Suspending the Joint Rules to permit consideration of House Bill No. 317 at any time desired by the House.

H. C. R. No. 25, Granting Tennessee Gas Transmission Company permission to bring suit against the State of Texas.

S. C. R. No. 12, Granting permission to Holland Page to sue the State of Texas.

H. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Board of Directors of Texas Southern University to request the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and/or the Secretary of Defense of the United States to establish and maintain courses of training at said institution; and authorizing the Board of Directors to en-

ter into contracts for such purposes; authorizing the Board of Directors to establish regulations as to credit toward degree requirements; providing the training shall not be required for entrance or graduation; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 74, Local and Special Laws of the 39th Legislature, Regular Session, 1925 (Special Road Law for Denton County) and all amendments thereto; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act constituting a local law for the maintenance of the public roads and highways in Denton County by authorizing the county to issue certificates of indebtedness for the purpose of acquiring right of way for the designated State Highways, including Farm to Market Highways, of Federal Highways when the acquisition of such right of way is approved by the State Highway Commission; requiring the levy of a tax to pay such certificates and the interest thereon; requiring such certificates to be approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and prescribing the effect thereof; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Lane, by unanimous consent, submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 16, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 25, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the Committee Substitute adopted in lieu thereof, and attached hereto, do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

C. S. S. B. No. 25 was read first time.

Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 21, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 84, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Senator Hardeman by unanimous consent submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 26, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 44, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the

recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 52, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Senator Colson by unanimous consent submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,
February 16, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Education, to whom was referred H. B. No. 271, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

COLSON, Chairman.

Senator Shireman, by unanimous consent, submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas
February 17, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation & Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 3, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

SHIREMAN, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
February 17, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation & Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 95, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

SHIREMAN, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
February 17, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation & Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 76, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, and be printed.

SHIREMAN, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
February 17, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation & Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 2, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

SHIREMAN, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
February 17, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir, We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation & Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 178, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

SHIREMAN, Vice-Chairman

Minority Report on Senate Bill 76

Senator Martin by unanimous consent submitted the following report:

We, the following members of the Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage Committee, do hereby give notice under Senate Rule 110 of a favorable minority report for S. B. 76 and within the required ten days a motion will be made to substitute the minority report for the majority report. We were present at the committee hearing and voted on the minority side.

MARTIN
ROGERS of Childress
MOFFETT

House Concurrent Resolution 22 on Second Reading

The President laid before the Sen-

ate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 22, Designating June Fourteenth as Flag Day.

The resolution was read second time.

There was objection to considering the resolution immediately and the President referred H. C. R. No. 22 to the Committee on State Affairs.

House Concurrent Resolution 23 on Second Reading

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 23, Memorializing the Congress of the United States to take such action as is necessary to limit petroleum imports to a reasonable amount.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading

The following House bills and resolutions received from the House were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

H. C. R. No. 26, to the Committee on Rules.

H. C. R. No. 25, to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 145, to the Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage.

H. B. No. 197, to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 306, to the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 332, to the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 64, to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 162, to the Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

H. B. No. 280, to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

H. B. No. 375, to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

H. B. No. 182, to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

H. B. No. 98, to the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 74, to the Committee on State Affairs.

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
February 17, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require full and fair disclosure of the character of insurance securities sold in the State of Texas; to prevent fraud and misrepresentation in sales thereof; providing administration and regulation thereof by the Board of Insurance Commissioners; providing for judicial review; exempting certain transactions; providing criminal penalties and civil liabilities, other remedies on behalf of the State, jurisdiction and venue thereof; providing for filing fees and the appropriation thereof; providing for severability and repeal of any laws in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict only; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the take, catch, and disposition of fish and minnows from the lakes, ponds, rivers, or creeks within the boundaries of Comal County; prohibiting the use of poisons, drugs, explosives, and substances or things deleterious to fish in said waters; providing penalties for violation; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, acting by the Chancellor thereof, to execute and deliver a deed to certain land in Denton County, Texas, conveying said land to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company; providing for the exceptance and reservation unto the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas of all fissionable materials and all oil, gas, and other minerals of whatever nature upon, in, or under said land; providing a reversionary clause in said deed to the effect that if the

said land ceases to be used by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company for a railroad it shall revert to the Grantor, the said Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; providing for approval of the form of such conveyance by the Attorney General; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 96, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take more than two (2) wild turkey gobblers during any one open season in Comal County; prescribing a penalty for violation of this Act; and declaring a nemergency."

H. B. No. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the subject matter embraced in Section 3 providing benefits, Section 4 providing benefit eligibility conditions, Section 5 providing for disqualification for benefits, Section 6 providing for claims for benefits, Section 7 providing for contributions, Section 8 providing for duration of coverage, Section 10 providing for the Texas Employment Commission, Section 11 providing for administration, Section 11-B providing for reproduction and destruction of records, Section 14 providing for the collection of contributions, Section 15 providing for protection of rights and benefits, Section 16 providing for penalties, and Section 19 providing definitions of terms, of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as amended (Senate Bill No. 5, Chapter 482, General and Special Laws of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Third Called Session, 1936, as amended); and to repeal Section 3-A of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as amended; providing an effective date for this Act and its sections; providing for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing for the separability of provisions; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

House Bill No. 271 Ordered Not Printed

On motion of Senator Parkhouse and by unanimous consent, H. B. No. 271 was ordered not printed.

Senate Bill No. 178 Ordered Not Printed

On motion of Senator Ratliff and

by unanimous consent, S. B. No. 178 was ordered not printed.

Co-author of Senate Bill 209

On motion of Senator Fly and by unanimous consent, Senator Latimer will be shown as co-author of S. B. No. 209.

House Bill No. 151 on Second Reading

Senator Strauss moved that Senate Rule 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that H. B. No. 151 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 283, Acts of the Fifty-second Legislature, 1951, by removing Waller County from the provisions and application of the Act; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 151 on Third Reading

Senator Strauss moved that Senate Rule 32 and the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and

that H. B. No. 151 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

Senate Bill No. 192 on Second Reading

Senator Colson moved that Senate Rules 38 and 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that S. B. No. 192 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 192, A bill to be entitled "An Act constituting a local law for the maintenance of the public roads and highways in Montgomery County, authorizing the county to issue certificates of indebtedness for the purpose of acquiring right of way for designated state highways or federal highways when the acquisition of such right of way is approved by the State Highway Commission; requiring the levy of a tax to pay such certificates and the interest thereon; requiring such certificates to be approved by the Attorney General and registered by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and prescribing the effect thereof; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 192 on Third Reading

Senator Colson moved that Senate Rule 32 and the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S. B. No. 192 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	Corbin
Ashley	Fly
Bracewell	Fuller
Colson	Hardeman

Hazlewood	Phillips
Kazen	Ratliff
Lane	Roberts
Latimer	Rogers
Lock	of Childress
Martin	Rogers of Travis
McDonald	Shireman
Moffett	Strauss
Moore	Wagonseller
Parkhouse	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

Senate Bill 178 on Second Reading

Senator Ratliff moved that Senate Rule 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that S. B. No. 178 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bracewell	McDonald
Colson	Moffett
Corbin	Moore
Fly	Parkhouse
Fuller	Phillips
Hardeman	Ratliff
Hazlewood	Roberts
Kazen	Rogers
Lane	of Childress
Latimer	Rogers of Travis

Shireman Strauss	Wagonseller Willis
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Absent—Excused

Kelley Owen	Secrest Weinert
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The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 178, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a Conservation District under Article XVI, Section 59 of the Constitution comprising the territory contained within the cities of Abilene, Albany, Anson and Breckenridge, to be known as 'West Central Texas Municipal Water Authority,' for the purpose of providing a source of water supply for municipal, domestic, industrial and mining uses and processing and transporting the same, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill 178 on Third Reading

Senator Ratliff moved that Senate Rule 32 and the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S. B. No. 178 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kelley Owen	Secrest Weinert
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The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

House Bill 271 on Second Reading

Senator Parkhouse moved that Senate Rule 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that H. B. No. 271 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—25

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Kazen	of Childress
Lane	Rogers of Travis
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis

Absent

Fuller	Hazlewood
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Absent—Excused

Kelley Owen	Secrest Weinert
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The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the Acts of County Boards of School Trustees in counties of more than 300,000 population according to the last preceding Federal Census, in ordering elections under the provisions of Chapter 259, Acts 1947, 50th Legislature, Regular Session, for the annexation of independent and common school districts to contiguous independent school districts and in annexing territory not included in any school district to contiguous independent school districts, as authorized by Chapter 334, Article VIII, Acts 1949, 51st Legislature, Regular Session; validating all such elections etc. and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

House Bill 271 on Third Reading

Senator Parkhouse moved that Senate Rule 32 and the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three

several days be suspended and that H. B. No. 271 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—23

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Kazen	Rogers
Lane	of Childress
Latimer	Rogers of Travis
Lock	Shireman
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis

Nays—1

Hardeman

Absent

Fuller	Strauss
Hazlewood	

Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21

Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Kazen	of Childress
Lane	Rogers of Travis
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
McDonald	Wagonseller
Moffett	Willis

Nays—4

Aikin	Martin
Hardeman	Moore

Absent

Fuller	Hazlewood
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Absent—Excused

Kelley	Secrest
Owen	Weinert

Executive Session

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to hold an executive session at 11:50 o'clock a. m. today.

Accordingly, the President directed all those not entitled to attend the executive session of the Senate to retire from the Senate Chamber and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to close all doors leading from the Chamber.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Secretary of the Senate informed the Journal Clerk that the Senate had confirmed the following nominations of the Governor:

To be a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for term to expire January 10, 1961:

Mrs. Charles Devall of Kilgore, Gregg County.

In Legislative Session

The President called the Senate to order as in Legislative Session at 11:56 o'clock a. m. today.

Senate Resolution 72

Senator Strauss offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery 50 students from Crescent Independent School (Civics Class), Wharton, Texas, accompanied by Mr. R. J. Naiser, Principal, and W. B. Terrell, Teacher, and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens is here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Strauss by unanimous consent presented the students and Mr. Naiser and Mr. Terrell to the Members of the Senate.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 11:57 o'clock a. m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Monday, February 21, 1955.

Record of Vote

Senator Phillips asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the motion to adjourn.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

(Monday, February 21, 1955)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President Pro Tempore.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis

Absent—Excused

Kazen	Phillips
Lane	Rogers of Travis
Moffett	Weinert

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

Our heavenly Father, like a little child coming to its father; a pilgrim to his guide; a servant to his master, we come to Thee praying that Thy love may be our inspiration, Thy Holy Spirit guide us in the ways of all truth, and make us willing and obedient servants of Thine. For Christ's sake. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, February 17, 1955, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Kazen was granted leave

of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Fly.

Senator Moffett was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness in the family on motion of Senator Aikin.

Senator Phillips was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Bracewell.

Senator Rogers of Travis was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Roberts.

Senator Weinert was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Aikin.

Senator Lane was granted leave of absence for today and the remainder of the week on account of illness on motion of Senator Hardeman.

Reports of Standing Committee

Senator Shireman submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
February 19, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred S. B. No. 222, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be not printed.

SHIREMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas,
February 19, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred S. B. No. 215, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be not printed.

SHIREMAN, Chairman

Senate Bills on First Reading

The following Senate bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated: